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, —	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is				
closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 4	53 O.G. 213.			
Disposition of Claims					
4) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>58-64</u> is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>58 and 65</u> is/are rejected. 7) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>59-64</u> is/are objected to. 8) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>58-64</u> are subject to restriction and/or	vn from consideration.				
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign  a) All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents  2. Certified copies of the priority documents  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority application from the International Bureau  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	s have been received. s have been received in Applicat rity documents have been receiv u (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	tion No red in this National Stage			
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 58,65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

There is no R4 identified in 58 (II).

There is no period at the end of 65.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim65 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Claims45, 49-50,52,55,57 stand rejected under 35 US.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GOULD et al 4451635 in view of GREEN et al 3931319 and VANDERGAARD 4110286.

The combination provides polyurethanes able to terminate in the formula III when C=NRS or NH.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims59-64 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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#### Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 10/31/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments are that the instant polyurethanes could not be formed with the formula III claim 65 compound. However, we see one in the art capable of providing the forms limited when C is NRS or NH.

Applicant's amendments otherwise provide quartenary terminated polyurethane of structures not evident in the cited prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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